

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION FOR THE
COUNTY OF NEVADA DUE TO IMMINENT THREAT
OF DISASTER DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS
AND RECURRENT PUBLIC SAFETY POWER
SHUTOFF EVENTS**

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8558 states that a local emergency means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by conditions including drought; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 authorizes the proclamation of a local emergency by the governing body of a county or an official designated by ordinance adopted by the local governing body; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2021 the Governor of the State of California Proclaimed a State of Emergency due to drought conditions existing in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties and on May 10, 2021 expanded the Declaration of Emergency to include a total of 41 counties, including Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, rainfall totals are lower than average throughout Nevada County reporting only 50% of its average rainfall as of April 30, 2021 while the Norther Sierra Precipitation is reporting 47% of average as of May 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section A-III 2.6 of the County of Nevada Administrative Code authorizes the Director of Emergency Services (“Director”) of the County of Nevada (“County”) to request that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when, in the opinion of the Director, the resources of the areas or region are inadequate to cope with the emergency, and the County is effected or likely to be effected by a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Director is requesting the Board of Supervisors to proclaim a local emergency based on conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in the County of Nevada resulting from the Statewide Extreme Drought; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are, or are likely to be, beyond the control, capacity, and resources of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, under Government Code section 8630, the local emergency shall remain in effect for no more than 60 days from the date of this Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors hereby finds that there exists within the County conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that are beyond the control, capacity, and resources of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Nevada County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada that a local emergency now exists throughout Nevada County related to the Extreme Drought Conditions and the recurrent Public Safety Power Shutoffs that occur in response to extreme weather conditions resulting in a high fire danger which constitutes a local emergency.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, function and duties of the Office of Emergency Services of Nevada County shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinances, resolution and memorandums of understanding of Nevada County; and that the Board of Supervisors delegates authority to the Director of Emergency Services to terminate the local emergency, pursuant to Government Code section 8630, “at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.”